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David Sanders, Ph.D

Director

OCTOBER 19, 2004, BOARD AGENDA ITEM 12, INTERIM REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL PROVISIONS OF THE GROUP HOME FOSTER CARE (GH) CONTRACT AND TO THE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY FOSTER CARE (FFA) CONTRACT

This memo is to apprise your Board of the progress made toward the execution of amendments to strengthen fiscal accountability in the GH and FFA contracts. My last report to you was dated April 1, 2005.

GH and FFA providers were provided with draft amendment language on April 1, 2005, and were given time to submit written responses to the Department. FFA providers were subsequently provided with revised amendment language. The time allocated for FFA providers to submit written responses was extended to May 11, 2005.

The Association of Community Human Service Agencies (ACHSA) and several providers have submitted written responses regarding the draft amendments. The responses have been forwarded to the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel for review.

The FFA Agreement requires DCFS to notify contractors of its intent to extend the term of the Agreement 120 days prior to the expiration of the current contract term. The notifications to FFA providers were mailed on April 29, 2005, and included language indicating that the extension of the Agreement is contingent on the acceptance and execution of the proposed amendment.

I will notify your Board when the amendment language has been finalized.

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Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations Manager, at (213) 351-5530.

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